

Midway First Ward Sunday School Class of 1905. First row, left to right, Merle Coleman, Cleo Haueter, Matilda Haueter, Pansy Bonner, Eva Bonner, Lethe Coleman, Luella Bonner and Myrtle Watkins. Second row, Jennie Wheable, Lola McCarrell, Carl Haueter, William Haueter, Tracy Smith, Delbert Ross, Mark Nelson, Earl Nelson, Delma Wootton and Mary Remund. Third row, Janet Hair, Pearl Galli, Grace Van Wagoner, Ellen Coleman, Vinnie Coleman, Polly Hair, Della Murri, Leda Smith, Katie Wheable. Teachers were Johnny Murri and Annie Smith.

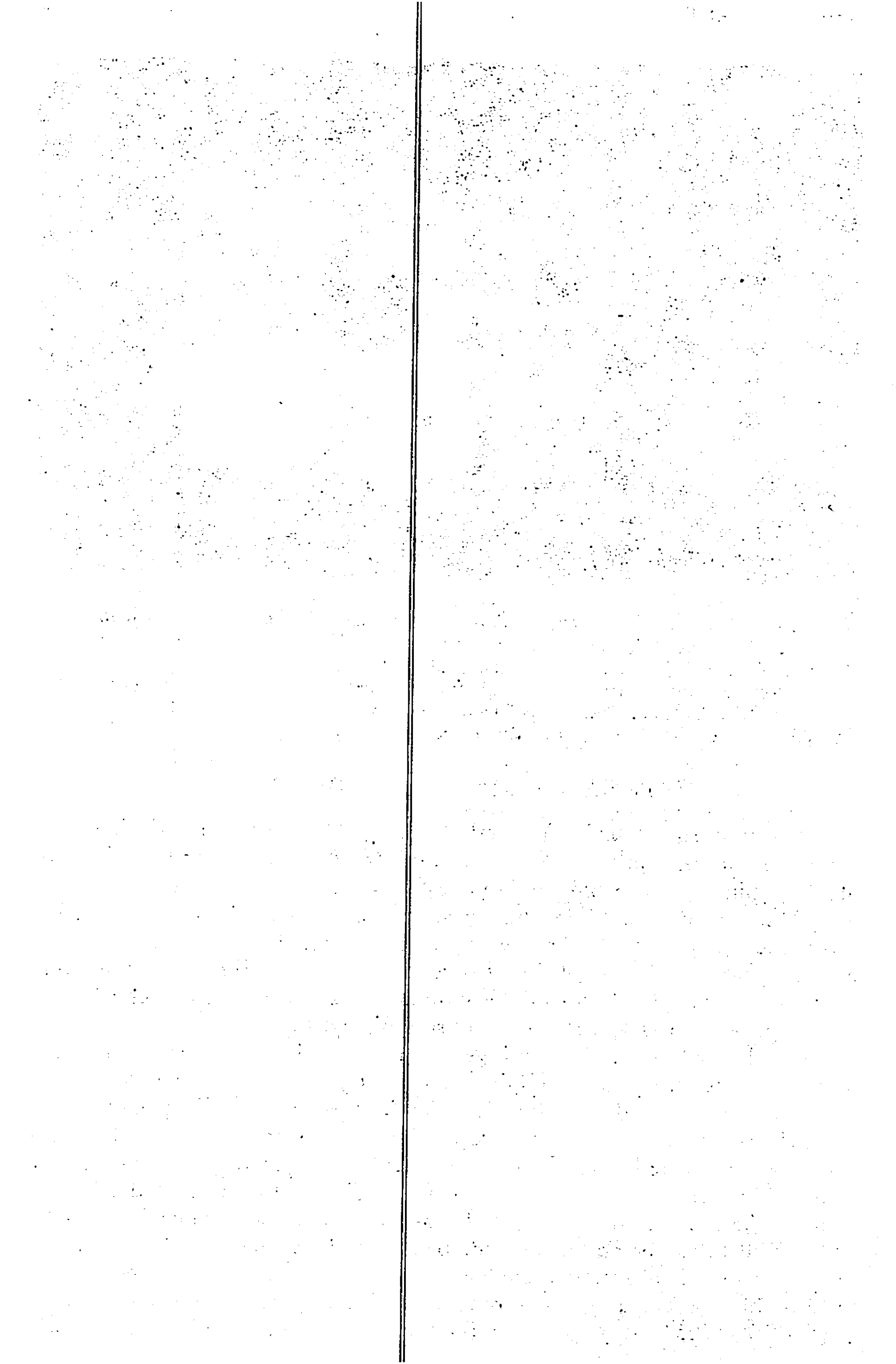
HISTORY OF MIDWAY FIRST WARD

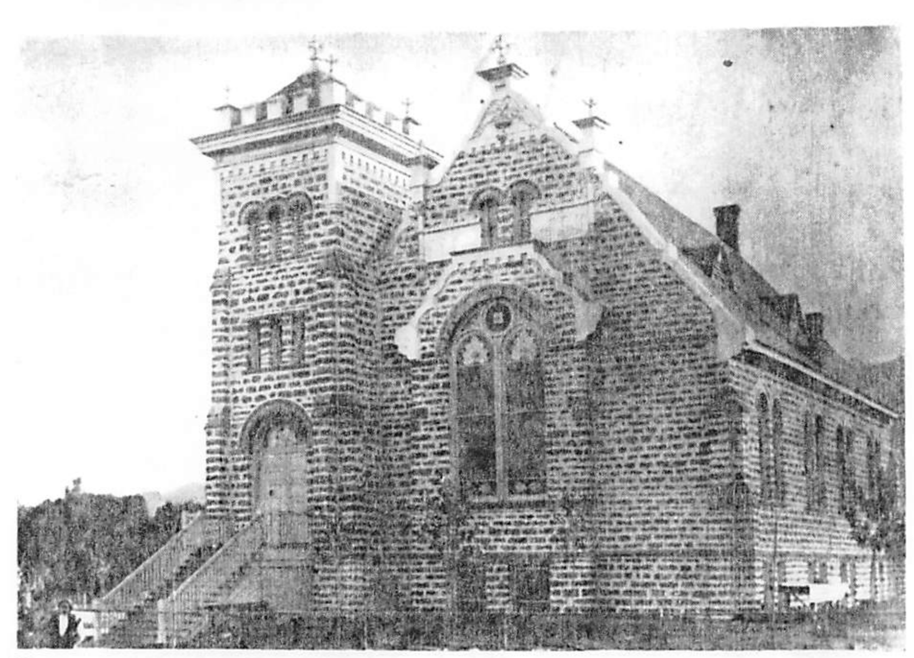
Midway 1st Ward, Wasatch County, Utah consists of those residing in the east part of Midway, the street running north and south of the public square being the boundary line between the two wards.

At a meeting held in the ward meeting house February 8, 1903 after the quarterly conference at Heber, presided over by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley, Joseph W. Francom was chosen Bishop of the Midway 1st Ward with Attewall Wootton, 1st Counselor, John U. Buhler, 2nd Counselor, and Charles E. Bronson, Ward Clerk.

October 23, 1904 Attewall Wootton was released as 1st Counselor because of his duties in the High Council. John U. Buhler was sustained as 1st Counselor with William L. Van Wagoner, 2nd Counselor.

As the meeting house was located in the Second Ward when the wards were divided, the First Ward held their meetings in the school house. Therefore, it was necessary for a chapel to be erected in their ward. The old meeting house in the Second Ward was valued at $2,000 and is still, after being remodeled, being used by them. They assisted the First Ward in erecting the new chapel. In 1904 steps were taken toward this project and a site purchased. The corner stones were laid March 15, 1905. It was to be built of native limestone. Rock work





The original Midway First Ward Chapel dedicated in 1914. When the new chapel was built years later this portion was incorporated in the new building.

commenced at the quarry the following day. The building is 38 by 62 ft. by 20 ft. high from the bottom of the basement to the square. A beautiful tower 13 by 13½ ft. built on the front is 51 ft. high. It was completed about 1908 and dedicated February 8, 1914 by President Joseph R. Murdock.

At a special meeting May 7, 1906 attended by Apostles Hyrum M. Smith and Charles W. Penrose, the Midway 1st Ward was reorganized with the following officers:

Henry T. Coleman, Bishop; John U. Buhler, 1st Counselor, and William L. Van Wagoner, 2nd Counselor.

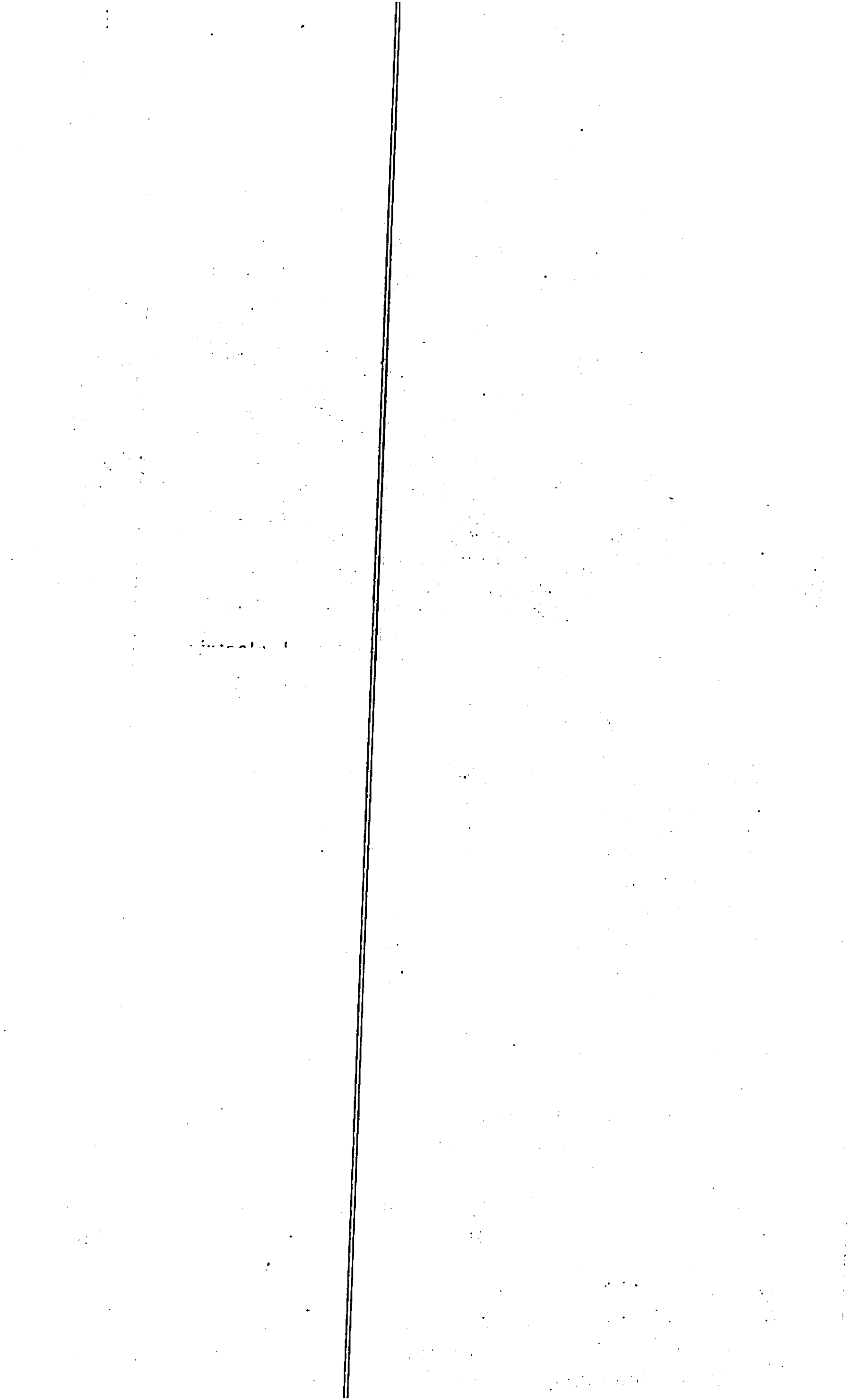
The ward clerks 1903 to 1913 were Charles E. Bronson and Simon Sheldon Epperson.

June 5, 1910 John U. Buhler was released as 1st Counselor and William L. Van Wagoner was sustained as 1st Counselor and William W. Wilson, 2nd Counselor.

At a special conference held October 26, 1913 presided over by Apostle James E. Talmage the ward was reorganized with the following officers:

John Van Wagoner, Bishop, Alfred L. Alder, 1st Counselor, Frederick Kohler, 2nd Counselor, and James T. Pyper, Clerk.

The ward was reorganized November 28, 1926 with Apostle Richard R. Lyman in attendance. The following officers were sustained:



Clark Bronson, Bishop, William W. Wilson, 1st Counselor, George T. Watkins, 2nd Counselor, and James T. Pyper, Clerk.

As of December 31, 1931 there were 450 souls in the Midway 1st Ward.

May 17, 1931, the counselors were released and George T. Watkins was sustained as 1st Counselor and Albert Kohler, 2nd Counselor.

February 16, 1936 George T. Watkins and Albert Kohler were released as counselors. George W. Johnson was sustained as 1st Counselor and Keith Coleman, 2nd Counselor.

September 19, 1937 the counselors were released. Keith Coleman became 1st Counselor and Ernest Kuhni, 2nd Counselor. They were set apart by Apostle George Albert Smith.

January 8, 1938 the ward was reorganized with George W. Johnson, Bishop; Charles E. Buhler, 1st Counselor; John H. Joost, 2nd Counselor and Clyde Pyper and Ernest Kuhni, Clerks.

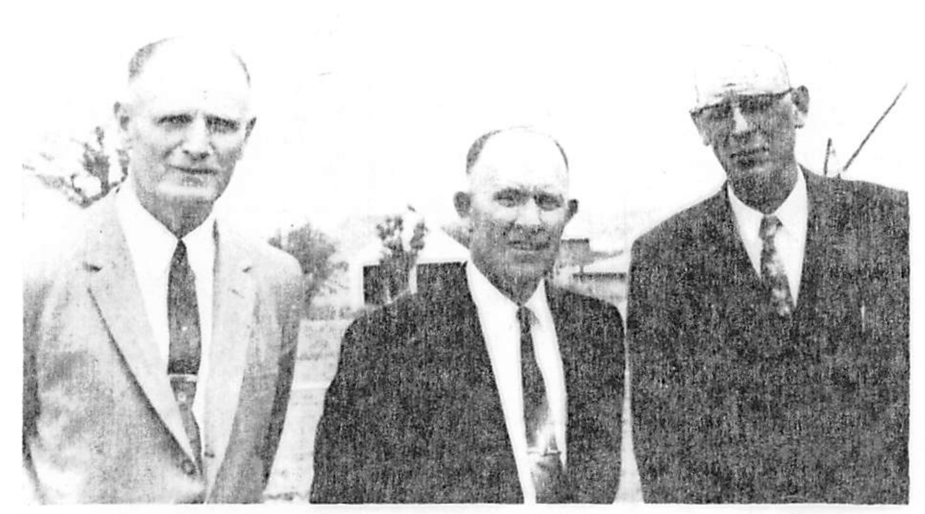
January 16, 1944 the ward was reorganized and Albert Kohler was sustained as Bishop with Ellis Steele, 1st Counselor, Irvin Bowden, 2nd Counselor, and Grant Remund, Clerk.

The chapel was rennovated and painted throughout. A new furnace and electric wiring installed and new entrance steps built.

March 30, 1947 the ward was again reorganized.

Irvin Bowden was called as Bishop, with Kenneth Michie, 1st Counselor, Clyde Alder, 2nd Counselor, and LaVon Hair, Ward Clerk.

April 24, 1955 at ward conference ward was reorganized and Burton Bronson Van Wagoner became Bishop with Leland Ivers, 1st Counselor, Ray Pyper, 2nd Counselor, and LaVon Hair Clerk.



Midway First Ward Bishopric sustained March 30, 1947. Left to right, Clyde Alder, Bishop Irvin Bowden and Kenneth Michie.

